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- 1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN ACTIONS TAKEN BY EMBASSY CONCERNING LETTERS WHICH NAS EXCHANGEE HAROLD SWARTZ ATTEMPTED TO TRANSMIT FOR PERSONAL DELIVERY ON BEHALF OF SOVIET DEFECTOR VARSHAVSKY. AS EMBASSY AWARE, VARSHAVSKY CASE IN PARTICULAR HAS SENSITIVE BACKGROUND OWING TO CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS DEFECTION AND SUBSEQUENT CABLE TO FAMILY IN USSR.
- 2. DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED NAS SECRETARIAT (MITCHELL) OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE SITUATION AND GIST OF SWARTZ'S COMMENTS. MITCHELL UNDERSTANDS POUCH REGULATION AND INTERPOSED NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY'S ACTIONS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN LEST SWARTZ HAVE DONE, OR DO, ANYTHING THAT WOULD MAKE HIM LIABLE IN SOME FASHION TO SOVIET ACTION, E.G. INVESTIGATION OF VARSHAVSKY CASE, WITH WHICH NAS IS GENERALLY FAMILIAR.

3. WITH RESPECT TO BRIEFING OF NAS EXCHANGEES, MITCHELL ASSERTED THAT ALL ARE PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF EMBASSY'S

1977 A-56 COVERED BY LETTER UP-DATING TEXT ON BASIS OF CHANGES PROVIDED FROM TIME TO TIME BY STATE OR EMBASSY. HE UNDERTOOK TO CHECK SPECIFICALLY ON THE SWARTZ CASE WITH THE RESPONSIBLE PROGRAM OFFICER. COOPER

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